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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Ground Systems Division, OEL

ATTENTION: [REDACTED]

THROUGH: Chief, Requirements Branch, Reconnaissance Group, CGS

FROM: Chief, Photographic Intelligence Division, CIA

SUBJECT: Search for Microwave Link Between Krasnovodsk and Bukhara, USSR

REFERENCE: (a) Requirement C-DS5-82,350
(b) CIA/PID Project 30392-5

1. This memorandum is in response to your requirement dated 9 March 1965 which requests that a search be made of KH-7 coverage between Krasnovodsk and Bukhara for evidence of a suspected microwave communication system.

2. All applicable KH-7 coverage was searched in detail with the following results:

a. A search of portions of [REDACTED] (Jan 65) revealed a large self supporting lattice tower over 400 feet high at the town of Nebit Dag. It is located at the north edge of town at 39-30-40N 54-22-00E. (Map Reference: USATC Series 200, Sheet 0338-1AL 2nd ed. April 1962) Shadow analysis indicates the presence of antennas or reflectors near the top of the tower.

b. A large self supporting lattice tower is located at the south west edge of Ashkhabad at 37-45-40N 58-22-10E. (Map Reference: USATC Series 200, Sheet 0338-14A, 1st ed. May 1959). DIA Urban Intelligence Brief S-157-63, Ashkhabad, USSR, May 1963 indicates the presence of a television tower, 162 meters high, at this location. Shadow analysis of this tower on [REDACTED] (Sep 64) indicates the presence of microwave antennas or reflectors on the side of the tower.

4. This project is considered to [REDACTED]



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